**HELP KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE THIS BONFIRE SEASON**

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

In the run up to bonfire season, Scottish Fire and Rescue, Police Scotland and Glasgow City Council (GCC) are committed to keep everyone safe. In previous years we have seen firework-related anti-social behaviour (ASB) and disorder in this area, and we’re asking for your help to prevent this occurring again. We’re therefore offering the following advice:

* Unless supervised by an adult, please do not allow your children or young people to handle, purchase or set off fireworks.
* Do not allow your children or young people to be involved in or accompany anyone who is involved in ASB or disorder.
* Please report any ASB or disorder you are aware of or hear of.
* Dispose of your rubbish appropriately leading up to bonfire weekend.
* Report any large objects that could form part of a bonfire to your council office who will arrange for them to be removed via MyGlasgow APP or Glasgow.gov.uk
* Report any known unauthorised bonfires or firework displays to GCC, Police (**101**) to Crimestoppers (**0800 555 111**) or to GCC (0141 287 9700).
* Report any unauthorised fireworks sellers to Police or Crimestoppers.

Unauthorised bonfires and firework displays have resulted in serious harm and injury in the past. The safety of the local community and our frontline services remains paramount; any behaviour that places people or property at risk will not be tolerated and may lead to prosecution. You should be aware that your actions and those of members of your household may significantly impact on your tenancy, where applicable.

**Bonfires and the Law:**

* It is illegal for anyone under 18 years of age to possess fireworks.
* Throwing fireworks or setting them off in a public place is illegal.
* It is an offence under Section 56 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 for any person to light a fire in a public place so as to endanger any other person or give them reasonable cause for alarm or annoyance or so as to endanger any property.
* In relation to the period around the 5th November, fireworks can only be used between 6pm and 11pm (or up to midnight on 5th November).
* It is an offence to cause unnecessary suffering to animals.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact:

* Police Scotland on **101** or via the **contact form** at**:** [**https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/**](https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/)
* Report antisocial behaviour to Glasgow City Council: [**https://glasgow.gov.uk/reportasb**](https://glasgow.gov.uk/reportasb)

A school letter highlighting firework safety has also been distributed to secondary school pupils in this area.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance.